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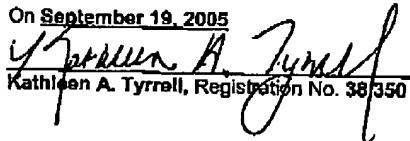
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This is a reply to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2005 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.